

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a CO oxidation catalyst comprising ruthenium with an alkali metal held on a carrier of titania and alumina, wherein the weight ratio of titania to alumina falls between 1/99 and 80/20 and the amount of ruthenium falls between ~~0.05 and 10%~~ 0.3 and 3% by weight of the carrier, which comprises applying a solution of ruthenium and a solution of an alkali metal to the carrier.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of a CO oxidation catalyst comprising ruthenium with an alkali metal held on a carrier of titania and alumina wherein the weight ratio of titania to alumina falls between 0.1/99.9 and 90/10 1/99 and 80/20, the amount of ruthenium falls between ~~0.05 and 10%~~ 0.3 and 3% by weight of the carrier, and the amount of alkali metal falls between ~~.01 and 10% by weight of the carrier~~ is at least one selected from the group consisting of potassium, cesium, rubidium, sodium and lithium.

Claim 9 (Original): The method for producing a hydrogen containing gas as claimed in claim 8, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas produced is for fuel cells.

Claim 11-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 14 8, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 20, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 14, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas produced is for fuel cells.

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst produced in the process of claim 6.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen with oxygen in the presence of a CO oxidation catalyst comprising ruthenium with an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal held on a carrier of titania and alumina, wherein the weight ratio of titania to alumina falls between 20/80 and 80/20, and the amount of ruthenium falls between 0.3 and 3% by weight of the carrier.